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CUSTODIAN'S LETTER.

Lodges are increasing all the time, despite the fact that weather conditions have been unfavorable for lodge meetings the last two weeks. A continued flow of applications are coming into this office all of the time. Too many good things cannot be said for those who took part in the Christmas contest. Your names will be held in the office as the minute man or woman, whose tools are thought and action. I shall continue the contest until the 15th of February. So many of the Deputies and Financial Secretaries are increasing their capacity for writing new business.

The following Financial Secretaries and Deputies won prizes, which are being mailed out to them today. The next prize list will be mailed out on the 15th of February, and all those who expect to take a part in this contest will mail their names in at once. We will publish a few remarks from all who won prizes in the January issue of the paper.

Brother John Knew, the stirring Deputy, has been on the sick list for some time. We venture to say that the Afro's lost 100 members on account of his illness.

Sister Benson, of Greenville, broke ice in Leland for the Afro's. The Custodian followed and put Leland on the map. The competent Financial Secretary in the person of Brother C. M. Congo will soon marshal 100 members.

The Custodian's visit to Edwards brought results. Things are looking good down there. The church is pastored by Rev. W. P. Whitfield, Jackson, Miss., a real pulpit orator.

On Friday night before Christmas the Custodian was delightfully entertained by the Afro-

American Sons and Daughters of Mound Bayou, Miss. The occasion was an installation. The members met promptly at the hall at 7:00 o'clock and were entertained by the Custodian in a short session. Promptly at 7:45 the marshal took control and gave marching orders; formed a candle light procession and marched the lodge in double and single file to the public school, while the drum beat the orderly march. The competent President made remarks, introduced the master of ceremonies, who gave an excellent program. The Custodian enjoyed himself beyond expression, spoke as usual, and many came forward and took part with the order, and in that crowd was the Mayor of the town. Mound Bayou is continually saying that they will outgrow Pickens lodges. The competent Financial Secretary is Brother Elijah Sutherland.

The death of Brother Jack Walker, of Louise, Miss., on Christmas morning was a severe blow to the town of Louise, as well as Yazoo and Humphreys Counties. His funeral was attended by a large number of people. Services were attended by Rev. W. C. Clay, assisted by Rev. J. Evans and E. L. Twine. The Custodian had to leave the grave of Rev. Walker and hurry to Rolling Fork to the funeral of Brother E. C. Colman; got there just in time to conduct the signs and make remarks at the cemetery. At both places members joined the Afro's. Mt. Hull and Mt. Lula lodges at Rolling Fork will soon be big lodges. At Rolling Fork the members were dressed in the proper regalia and performed nicely.

ONE WEEK ONLY.

We are continually getting complaints that members are sick four and five weeks, and they only get one week's sick benefits. One sick blank covers one week's sickness only.